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## Dates to Remember

Nov. 16: Flu Vaccine Clinic, 3-6 p.m., Senior Center

Nov. 21: Townwide Leaf Pickup

Nov. 21: Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day, 9 a.m.-noon, DPW yard

Dec. 1: Water Bills Due

Dec. 12: Townwide Leaf Pickup

## New Energy-Efficient Streetlights to Save \$25K Annually

New energy-efficient streetlights have gone up in Hamilton that will save the town government money for years to come.

A total of 558 streetlights in Hamilton were replaced with Light Emitting Diode (LED) lights, according to Vicky Masone, an engineer who serves as the energy manager for the towns of Hamilton and Wenham.

There were three lights initially installed on Porter Street in Wenham – near Hamilton-Wenham Public Library – and another three lights around the corner on Perkins Street earlier this summer as part of a pilot program to test out the lights. Wenham DPW

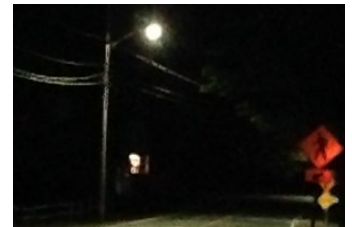
Director Bill Tyack didn't receive any negative feedback, said Masone.

After that, Hamilton officials made the decision to go ahead with the installation project across the whole town.

The town of Hamilton recently bought the lights for \$1, rather than leasing them, and the town will save an estimated \$24,953 each year in operating costs – a 60% reduction.

"The big savings will be in the reduced energy charges after the conversion is complete," said Hamilton DPW Director Bill Redford.

The project is being paid through an \$188,652 Green Communities grant and \$55,000 in town money. National Grid has also contrib-



One of the new LED streetlights that was installed in Hamilton.

uted \$30,000 as an incentive to do an energy efficiency upgrade. The total cost of the project is \$272,000.

The work started on Sept. 14 and lasted about three weeks

## Second Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day Scheduled

An overwhelming response to the first household hazardous waste collection day this fall has prompted the town of Hamilton to add a second collection day in November, according to DPW Director Bill Redford.

Clean Harbors, the company

that conducted the collection day, was overwhelmed with a volume of household hazardous waste they didn't anticipate at a collection day earlier this month, Redford said.



The additional hazardous waste collection day will be on Saturday, Nov. 21 from 9 a.m. to noon at the DPW yard behind Hamilton Town Hall at 577 Bay Road.

## Microwave Fire, Lightning Strike Among Many Storm-Related Fire Calls

Hamilton firefighters handled about a dozen calls on Tuesday afternoon, Aug. 4, following a damaging thunderstorm that moved through town.

Fire Chief Phil Stevens said the bulk of the activity was between 3:30 p.m. and 9 p.m.

“There were many power lines and trees down, especially in the area of the high school, Cutler Road, Moulton Street and Sagamore Street,” Stevens said.

Among the most serious calls was a microwave fire at 8 Ortins Road, which occurred after a tree brought down power lines and the electrical service to the home.

A tree was hit by lightning in the back yard of 59 School St. and it popped the breaker on the invisible dog fence, according to Stevens.

Other calls for the Hamilton Fire Department during a six hour stretch on Tuesday afternoon, Aug. 4, included a carbon monoxide call on Alexander Way that was caused by a low battery after a power outage.

Firefighters also assisted with trees, limbs and wires down at several locations in town, including on Asbury Street near Cutler Elementary School, at 20 Cutler Road, Bay Road (Route 1A) near Rock Maple Avenue, at 100 Ortins Road and near 108 Moulton St. plus a call for wires on fire at 22 Porter Lane, according to Stevens.



## Volunteers Needed to Help Make 2016 Block Party Spectacular

If you enjoyed the Two Town Community Block Party last summer, maybe you want to get involved now to help plan the event for 2016. The towns of Hamilton and Wenham are partnering with The Community House of Hamilton-Wenham to organize next year's event.

Hamilton-Wenham Recreation Director Sean Timmons and Tess Leary, the Community House's Program and Event Planner, are looking for new members for a committee that will help

put together “Summer Celebration 2016.” They are looking for people that enjoyed this year's festivities and fireworks and want to make it even more spectacular in 2016.

Specifically, expertise is needed in the areas of fundraising, accounting and recruiting. The volunteer committee will meet monthly.

Anybody who is interested should contact Timmons at [stimmons@hamiltonma.gov](mailto:stimmons@hamiltonma.gov) and Leary at [tess@communityhouse.org](mailto:tess@communityhouse.org)



## Patton Park Parking Lot Reopens

The new parking lot at Patton Park is open, just in time to add more parking before this fall's Saturday evening flag football games.

The new parking lot is near Weaver Pond at Patton Park.

A new berm was installed and opened without any lines, but the lines have now been added.

The parking lot is off Bay Road (Route 1A) near Weaver Pond.

DPW Director Bill Redford said the lot may still periodically close during weekdays for some work, but will now be open all evenings and weekends.

The lot had been closed since mid-August for the work.

A binder coat of pavement is down and it will remain that way until the project to install a new pool nearby is complete.

The new parking lot is one-way, with traffic entering on the north end and exiting at the south end.



## Police Arrest Break-in Suspect After Multi-Agency Search

An alert resident who spotted someone breaking into a home helped spark a multi-agency search that ended with the capture of a suspected break-in suspect in Hamilton.

At about 9:12 a.m. on Tuesday, July 21, the Hamilton Police Department responded to a report of someone breaking into a home in the Forest Street neighborhood.

An alert resident had observed a suspicious person

jump a fence into a side yard and attempt to get into a home.

Officers from the Wenham and Essex police departments were called and the suspect was contained in a wooded area.

"He was eventually spotted by



a second alert resident and a construction crew working in the area who assisted in detaining the suspect until he was taken into custody by police," said Hamilton Police Lt. Scott Janes.

The search also involved K9 units from the Massachusetts State Police and Essex County Sheriff's Department, which helped recover additional evidence. The Massachusetts State Police Air wing also assisted in the search.

The suspect has been charged with breaking and entering and illegal possession of narcotics. There was no one home at the time of the incident and the investigation continues.

## Rotary Makes Donation Toward New Senior Center Treadmill

The Hamilton Council on Aging has received a donation toward the cost of its new treadmill.

Hamilton-Wenham Rotary made the donation and Rotary President Rick Sweeney and board member Fire Chief Phil Stevens stopped by the Senior Center to donate a big check to the Council on Aging for the purchase of the new treadmill.



Council on Aging Chairman Theresa "Mimi" Fanning accepted the donation on behalf of the COA while Stevens tried out the new equipment.

It arrived this past summer just in time to allow any Hamilton residents age 60 and over a chance to escape the heat and humidity outside and still get in their daily walk in air-conditioned comfort.

## Hamilton Public Safety Day Delights With Trucks, Demonstrations and Tours

Hamilton's emergency crews and first responders were out to meet and greet the community at the annual Public Safety Day on Saturday, Sept. 12.

The event included tours of the Hamilton Public Safety Building, department vehicles and equipment plus live K9 demonstrations by the

Massachusetts State Police and vehicle extrication demonstrations by the Hamilton Fire Department.

Free food and drinks were provided by Beauport Ambulance and ice cream from Cherry Farm Creamery of Danvers.



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## School Year Opens With Fire Drill at Every Hamilton School

Fire drills were done at all the public schools in Hamilton in mid-September, according to Fire Chief Phil Stevens.

In addition, fire drills were also done at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary and Pingree School.



## Hamilton Remembrance Service Honors Sept. 11 Victims

The victims of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks – including 411 first responders that were killed – at the World Trade Center, Pentagon and rural Pennsylvania were all remembered in a morning ceremony on Sept. 11 in Hamilton.

The remembrance service was held inside the Hamilton Fire Station because it was raining outside and included words from Hamilton Fire Department Chaplain Kevin Baird and Hamilton Police Department Lt. Scott Janes. Baird's words can be found below and a full album of pictures from the service can also be found [here](#).

It has been 14 years since those towers fell in New York, the Pentagon was damaged in Washington and that plane crashed in a field in Shanksville. We stand together today in memory and solidarity with those who died that day, those who rushed in to harm's way to help, and those who continue to suffer the effects of a few men's evil actions.

We stand in a long line of people memorializing those who have died

in tragic circumstances. This is done to honor and respect the lives of each individual and the collective loss of our communities.

Our firefighters, police officers and emergency responders all stand in a long line of citizens who commit to care for our communities, protect public safety and do it sacrificially.

It was in the 1630s in Boston that fire

regulations were first established and the "night watch" for policing the streets of Boston began their work. The participation in care and concern for family, neighbors, and the general well-being of our communities is a deep and abiding cord in the fabric of the success of our nation and this town. It is connected to the idea of the rule of law which is grounded in the belief that life has a purpose and each life matters.

